



Lifeafterhummus (LAH) Community Benefit Society



The student and researcher team meet at LAH

Lifeafterhummus (LAH) Community Benefit Society provides a range of support to local residents in Somers Town including food parcels (made up from surplus food), referrals for debt advice, grants, care navigation, welfare rights, domestic violence and employability. LAH works alongside local partners and the Council in the London Borough of Camden.

What happened through the collaboration?

Together, Lifeafterhummus (LAH) Community Benefit Society and the UCL students and researchers, developed and tested Social Return on Investment (SROI) as an evaluation method. The aim was to understand and quantify the social, environmental and economic value that LAH creates, crucially in a monetised form.

They worked together to scope out how SROI would work in the context of LAH, collecting and analysing data, whilst developing case studies to provide illustrative, real-life examples of LAH's work.

What is the legacy for the organisation?

"It's a very powerful programme that connects both academics and practitioners. I've done lots of social enterprise training and no one has cracked SROI the way this programme has."

Farrah Rainfly, Founding Director

What is the legacy for the students and researchers involved?

"It has been such a great experience to both adapt skills from my PhD and learn new ones. I have learnt so much more about the charity sector." **UCL PhD student**

"It's a very useful program to know how the NGO works and how we can measure their value using Social Return on Investment. The training, group members and organisation are amazing to work with. The experience is priceless. Many thanks!" **UCL PhD student**

Students and researchers

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